

Re: Moving Vista to another pc-how to remove it

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Google VistaBootPro. It's freeware. It will fix your drive so that MCE2005 will boot. Then you can wipe out Vista.

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You should be able to boot on Vista's install disk (or even XP/MCE) and have it departition, partition, and format. That should get rid of the Vista bits. Then go into BIOS and tell it which disk to boot from.

You might need to run chkdsk with the /MBR parameter once you get to a DOS prompt in MCE.

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Hi All:

I recently installed the full retail version of Vista Home Premium on my main MCE2005 computer in a dual boot configuration. I have found the MCE2005 interface works better on this computer for my purposes and want to remove Vista and install it on a computer where it will work ok for me. My problem is that I can't get the procedures specified for removal of Vista to work. My system is set up with (2)250GB hard drives in RAID 0 for the operating system(s). The RAID array consists of 1 80 GB primary partition with MCE2005, 1 193GB primary partition with Vista and another 193 GB partition for media storage. When I installed Vista the computer booted up the first time

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in Vista but I get no option to boot to MCE2005 and the only way to access it is to go into the bios and change the boot order. I formatted the partition for Vista in MCE2005 prior to installing Vista but I think I read that I should have formatted it DURING the Vista clean install which could be the reason I don't get an option to choose which O.S. to boot to. Anyway, I want to remove Vista and the methods specified by Windows support don't work. I would leave Vista there and just not use it but it would be a violation of the EULA to have it on two computers. I am at a loss to figure out how to remove it. I have tried the following:

1. Insert the Windows Vista installation disc.
2. Click the Start button , click All Programs, click Accessories, right–click Command Prompt, and then click Run as administrator. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.
3. Type [DVD drive letter]:\boot\bootsect.exe /nt52 ALL /force and then press ENTER.

For example, if the DVD drive letter is F, type f:\boot\ bootsect.exe /nt52 ALL /force.

4. Eject the Windows Vista installation disc.
5. Restart your computer.

Your computer will start in the previous version of Windows that you have installed.

6. Delete Windows Vista files and folders, such as the Program Files, Users, and Windows folders, manually.
(Didn't work, message came up saying couldn't find the path"

Note: You can also remove Windows Vista by reformatting the partition where it is installed, but do this only if that partition is not the boot partition. Reformatting the boot partition might make your computer unable to start. For information about boot partitions, see [What are system partitions](#)

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and boot partitions?

(Didn't work, in MCE2005 disk management under actions>format partition

a message comes up saying the partition is in use?)

Any suggestions? Leave it there and install on another pc anyway or what?

xiowan.....in tucson & over my head LOL